THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE D.S.R.VARMA
AND
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE P.SWAROOP REDDY

Taken Up Writ Petition No.16487 of 2006

Dated: 16th October, 2006.

Between:

Smt. I.Saroji, W/o.Pulla Rao, R/o.Mulpuru Village,
Amruthaluru Mandal, Guntur District
(Through the Secretary, A.P. High Court Legal
Services Committee, Hyderabad)

... Petitioner

and

1. The Station House Officer, Golkonda Police Station, Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, Hyderabad.
3. The Director General of Police, Government of A.P., Hyderabad.
4. The Government of A.P., represented by its Prl. Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad

... Respondents

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Oral Order: **(per the Hon'ble Sri Justice D.S.R.Varma)**

Heard the learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for the respondents.

2. Taken Up Writ Petition on the strength of a petition, dated 05-8-2004, addressed by one Smt. I.Sarojini, wife of Pulla Rao, resident of Mulpuru village, Amruthaluru Mandal, Guntur District, wherein it was complained that the minor daughter of the petitioner, namely, Kum. Venkateswaramma, was missing from the house of her employer, by name G.Shoba Rani, Hyderabad, since 02-3-2004, and the Police are not taking appropriate action in tracing the said Venkateswaramma.

3. In response to the notices issued by this Court, the Inspector of Police, Golconda Police Station, Hyderabad, who is the first respondent herein, filed a counter-affidavit, *inter alia*, stating that one Sri G.Bhavani, son of G.D.Prasada Rao, lodged a complaint on 08-3-2004, which was registered as Crime No.55 of 2004, under the head of 'Girl Missing' case and initiated investigation. In the said complaint, it was alleged that the daughter of the petitioner, by name Kum. Venkateswaramma, had visited the house of the said G.Bhavani for the purpose of site seeing and on 03-3-2004, the missing girl went out of the house and did not return back.

4. It is further stated that intensified investigation had been conducted and detailed statements of some witnesses were also recorded. No clues are forthcoming and the missing girl is yet to be traced and that a final report also was prepared treating the complaint as 'undetectable' for the time being, with an option to open the same as and when evidence in this regard is available.

5. It is further undertaken by the deponent that sincere efforts will be made to trace the missing girl and appropriate action would be taken and a report also will be filed before this Court and further that after reopening of the investigation, two more witnesses were examined and the investigation is still pending and has been going on.

6. In view of the said counter-affidavit filed by the Inspector of Police, Golconda Police Station, Hyderabad, and on the facts put forth before this Court, we are of the view that there is no useful purpose served in just keeping the matter pending.

7. However, in similar circumstances, another Division Bench of this Court, by order dated 23-6-2006 in W.P.No.24069 of 2005, having taken stock of the situation, directed the Superintendent of Police of the concerned District to take the necessary measures to locate the missing person and produce the said person in the Court as and when found.

8. Having regard to the facts and circumstances, particularly in the light of the directions issued by a Division Bench of this Court in the similar circumstances, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, West Zone, Hyderabad, is directed to take all such steps to trace the missing girl and produce her in the Court as and when found.

9. It is further directed that in this connection, he shall depute

an officer for the purpose of monitoring the progress in searching the missing girl and file a report before the Registrar (Judicial) of this Court every month.

10. With the above directions, the Writ Petition is closed.

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D.S.R.VARMA, J

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P.SWAROOP REDDY, J

16th October, 2006.

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